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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing
 is a continuation-in-part application of Application No.
 09/547,055 filed on April 10, 2000.

Inventor(s): CHRISTENSEN, Carlos Melia

For: RF HOME AUTOMATION SYSTEM COMPRISING REPLICABLE CONTROLLERS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of 51 pages
- ☒ 14 sheet(s) of Formal drawings.
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)

X Priority of application No(s):
09/547,055
 filed in US on:
April 10, 2000
 is(are) claimed under 35 USC 119. See attached copy of the Letter
 claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.

X Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence:
 --This application is a continuation-in-part of application
 No. 09/547,055 filed on April 10, 2000, the
 entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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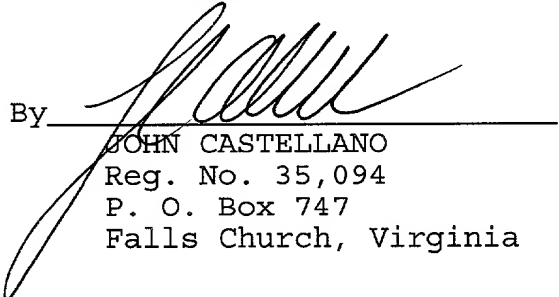
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	09/547,055	04/10/00

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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